

A Fresh RELATION OF THE KINGS ARMY IN SCOTLAND,

The Retreat of the Rebels
On their Approach;

The Names of such Persons of Quality as
have lately joyn'd the Rebellious Troops.

Being the Tidings brought by the last Express
In a Pasquet Dated the 20th. of this Instant Jan. 1679.
at Midnight.

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ACcording to promise in my last, I cannot fail of giving you a particular Relation of our proceedings; For I do not doubt but all good Subjects in England are much concern'd to be from time to time inform'd of the true matter of Fact of such an insolent Rebellion, contriv'd by restless Spirits, who (though seemingly compos'd of different and disagreeing Factions,) can yet like Herod and Pilate Unite, and be sworn Brothers in Mischief; or like Sampson's Foxes tyed together by the Tails of Disloyal Principles, to raise Combinations, to discompose the Harmony of that Government to which (though on various pretensions) they are all equally dangerous and implacable Enemies.

I am not ignorant that there may be some few dissaffected Spirits abroad amongst You, that may endeavour to stifle and impair the Use of all Relations from hence that do not suit with their Seditious Interests: Though I am inclin'd that the Principles of these tumultuous Rebels here, are so different from the Sentiments of those commonly call'd *Presbyterian* amongst You in *England*, that they can have no more concern in, or kindness for these traitorous insinuations, than all the *Nonconformists* had for those Mad-brain'd *Fifth-Monarchy-men* that once attempted to disturb Your Peace. I must be acknowledged, that many, I hope the greater part of *Dissenters* are persons of peaceable tempers; The Experience they have had of the late Confusion and the Wages of anarchy, and the Gracious Indulgence of the best of Princes having calld the roughness of their Spirits, and reduc'd them to a due sense of Moderation and Obedience, since the same (as they must needs perceive) is not less their Interest than their Duty.

But to omit these Considerations which do not so immediately concern You and I, further then as We are good Subjects, and hearty Well-wishers to the true Protestant Interest which at such a juncture of Time seems not a little endangered by this Insurrection, though 'tis not doubted, but by Gods Blessing on our Arms, it may speedily be suppressed.

I am now present to acquaint you, That on *Thursday* the 10th instant, His Grace the Duke of Monmouth arriv'd in the Camp at *Black-moor*, where it was then drawn up, and spent that Day in giving the necessary Orders preparatory to their March, which they undertook the next morning, and Incamped near the *Kirk-Bar* within Six Miles of *Hamilton*.

Upon the News of our Advance the Rebels disorderly retired from *Haggs* (where formerly they were posted) to the

said Town of *Hamilton* and places adjacent, where they are at present; And we doubt not but the Kings Host will be up with them some time to morrow, soon after which you may certainly in some few days hear of some considerable Action, if they dare stand an Engagement.

In the mean time the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council here are indefatigable in giving all necessary Orders for sending Provisions and Ammunition to the Army, and all other things necessary.

The Kings Army dayly Encreases by the coming in of Fresh Troops from several Shires with incredible cheerfulness, longing for nothing more than an opportunity, and command to Attacque the Rebels.

We have just now Information that the Chief persons of Note that have lately joyned the Rebels, are these following, *Robert Stewart* Brother to the Earl of *Galloway*, *Mac Donal* of *Frenob*, *Mr. William Ferguson* of *Kettnoch*, but all Living in *Galloway*.

There is likewise gone to them one *Home* of *Greden* a *Ts. vidale* man; *Robert Hamilton* Commands them still as General.

But the gros of their Body consists of people of such Profligate Behaviour and lewd and unsettled Principles, that all persons of Considerable Quality or Sober Conversation, are so far from Encouraging them, that they express the greatest Abhorrence and Detestation in the World of their Proceedings,

From the Camp near *Hamilton*, June the 20th. at 12 at Night 1679.

I am

SIR,

Ever Your Servant

T. W.